30th July 1953]

Vaivaka-Korukollu irrigation project in Krishna district.

* 1264 *Q.*—Sri G. RAMA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Vaivaka-Korukollu irrigation scheme in Krishna district has been dropped; if so, for what reasons; and

(*b*) whether any representation was made by the ryots of Vaivaka, Korukollu, etc., villages to Government regarding the above scheme, if so, when and what action was taken by the Government?

The Hon. Sri N. RANGA REDDI:—" (*a*) The proposal has been dropped, as the ayacut area which is low in level is surrounded on three sides by drains and is liable to submersion to varying depths throughout the irrigation season and to a depth of over one foot for long and continuous periods.

" (*b*) A representation was made by the ryots on 30th March 1953. A copy of the petition was forwarded to the Chief Engineer (Irrigation) I for disposal in view of the decision referred to in the answer to clause (*a*)."

Revenue assessment in the estates taken over by the Government.

* 1265 *Q.*—Sri V. K. RAMASWAMY MUDALIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it was the intention of the Government while the Zamindari Abolition Act was passed, to bring down the Land revenue assessment in respect of the lands in estates to the level of the rates prevailing in the ryotwari lands in the neighbourhood;

(*b*) why the ryotwari rates were not fixed for the lands in the zamindari areas consequent on the abolition of zamins; and

(*c*) why varam rates in the zamin areas consequent on the abolition of zamins have been fixed with reference to the highest rates prevailing in the district instead of the rate prevailing in the neighbourhood?

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER:—" (*a*) Yes.

" (*b*) The ryotwari rates can be introduced in the estates taken over under the Madras Estates (Abolition and Conversion into Ryotwari) Act, only after they have been surveyed and settled according to ryotwari principles, and this work will take a number of years to be completed, approximately 8 to 10.

" (*c*) The Government have recently ordered that, in the estate areas in this State taken over under the Abolition Act, in which rent was payable wholly in kind or partly in kind and partly in cash, the land revenue payable for any land under section 23 of the Act shall, where it exceeds the assessment at